

**Abstinence Education Contractors
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Name of Project: **McLennan County Collaborative Abstinence Project (McCAP)**

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Project Summary:

The McLennan County Collaborative Abstinence Project (McCAP) was formed in 1997 as a grassroots effort to combat the local epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases and out-of-wedlock pregnancies. Prior to the establishment of McCAP, McLennan County ranked as the #1 county most at risk in Texas for a combined measure of teen pregnancy, out-of-wedlock childbearing and sexually transmitted diseases in Texas for youth ages 13-17. Alarmed by this fact, local citizens formed McCAP and requested TDH Title V abstinence education funding for help. Upon receiving these funds, McCAP began implementing a county-wide, multifaceted program designed to change the cultural environments. As a result, McLennan County is currently ranked #5.

The McCAP mission is to improve the sexual health, elevate the importance of good character and reduce welfare dependence for McLennan County citizens. McCAP accomplishes this mission by “empowering young people to save sex for marriage”. Utilizing a grassroots, collaborative approach to change the paradigm on early sexual activity and thereby combat the local sexual health epidemic, McCAP partners with parents, schools, churches, medical professionals, and community organizations. Medically accurate abstinence-only training, curriculum, speakers, teen activities, medical campaigns, research, mentoring and library resources are provided by McCAP.